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SUBJECT: U.S.MEMORANDUM DELIVERED TO DRV EMBASSY

REF: (A) STATE 141927; (B) SAIGON 13141; (C) STATE 143241

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED SECSTATE MEMORANDUM COVERED BY EMBASSY TRANSMITTAL NOTE TO DRV EMBASSY JULY 21 AT 14:20 LOCAL TIME. DRV FIRST SECRETARY LE DINH NHAN SAID HE WOULD FORWARD MEMORANDUM IMMEDIATELY TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFSBM AND C, LAST TWO PARA GRAPHS OF REF. A WERE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO FURTHER POINT OUT THAT ON FIVE SEPARATE OCCASIONS SINCE JUNE 8 - JUNE 22, AND JUNE 29, JULY 6

JULY 13 AND JULY 20-THE UNITED STATES HAS SCHEDULED LIAISON FLIGHTS TO HANOI AND PROVIDED AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN EACH INSTANCE, HOWEVER, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM DELEGATION REFUSED TO SIGN A SIMPLE CERTIFICATE ATTESTING THAT ITS BAGGAGE AND CARGO WERE FREE OF DANGEROUS MATERIAL, AND THEN WOULD NOT BOARD THE FLIGHT.

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THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM'S REFUSAL

TO COOPERATE WITH REASONABLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAS PREVENTED FIVE SCHEDULED LIAISONLIGHTS FROM TAKING PLACE. TO SAY, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "UNILATERALLY" CANCELLED THEM IS A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS. ONCE THERE HAS BEEN AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING SENSIBLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES, THE FLIGHTS CAN RESUME. IT IS THE UNITED STATES DESIRE, AS IT HAS BEEN ALL ALONG, THAT THEY DO SO PROMPTLY. THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ALL IT CAN WITHIN THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM TO ACHIEVE SUCH AGREEMENT. IF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAME TAKES THE SAME COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE THEN LIAISON FLIGHTS CAN BEGAIN AGAIN AT AN EARLY DATE.

JULY 21, 1973. UNQUOTE.

3. ALTHOUGH DRV EMBASSY DELIVRED MEMORANDUM ON JLY 5, IT WAS DATED JULY 4 (PARIS 18453). WE THEREFORE CHANGED DATE TO JULY 4 IN PARAS 1 AND 2. WE ALSO WROTE IN FULL "DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM" AND "FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM" WHEREVER ABBREVIATIONS APPEARED IN REF. A.

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